

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 remain in connection with the present application.

The Examiner has objected to the specification for minor informalities. Accordingly, these minor informalities have been corrected and thus withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has objected to the claims for minor informalities. The majority of these minor informalities were addressed in connection with telephone conference with Examiner Ho on December 9, 2005. Thus, the changes agreed upon in the teleconference, dealing with the majority of the objections raised by the Examiner, have been included in the present amended claims, and thus the majority of the objections should be overcome. The aforementioned teleconference of December 9, 2005 did not result in an immediate allowance of the application, as the Examiner had some additional objections subsequent to the initial teleconference. As the Assignee was located in Germany, the Examiner decided to issue the present Ex Parte Quayle Action instead of again requesting agreement of these objections.

With regard to the additional objection raised with regard to claims 2, 3 and 7, although Applicants do not necessarily agree with these objections, the claims have been amended to clarify the relationship between the gain factors and the amplification as requested by the Examiner, in an effort to expedite prosecution. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

A somewhat similar change has been made with regard to claims 11-13.

Withdrawal of this objection is also respectfully requested.

With regard to the remaining objections, changes to the claims have already been agreed upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the remaining objections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding objections and allowance of claims 1-30 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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